

REMARKS

The Applicants are requesting cancellation of Claims 25-26. The Applicants request entry of the amendments to Claims 1-24 to bring the claims into compliance with U.S. practice on claim language. No new matter is being added.

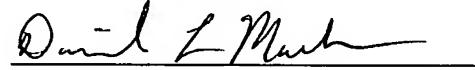
The Applicants also are requesting the entry of an amendment to the Specification which added the priority claim. No new matter is being added.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge all fees due to Deposit Account 19-0134. Applicant also requests that all correspondence be directed to the address associated with Customer Number 001095 which is currently as follows:

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Corporate Intellectual Property
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Any questions or issues can be directed to the below signed attorney at this address.
Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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